

UPDATED MEDIA RELEASE

Auto Burglar Arrested

SANTA BARBARA, CA - July 10, 2012

The booking photo of Paul Ethan Demchuk is below. It was provided by the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department.



Demchuk, Paul Ethan

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On July 5, 2012, at 11:30 p.m., Officer Scott Klacking responded to the top level of City Lot 10 on 600 Anacapa Street on a call of an auto burglary that had just occurred. He contacted the victim, who upon returning to his Toyota Tacoma truck parked at that location found that it was being ransacked by a burglar. The victim startled the suspect, who fled. The victim provided a description of the suspect to Officer Klacking who broadcast it to other officers in the area.

Officer Kody Cardana was working Nightlife Enforcement on 400 State Street when he heard the broadcast of the suspect description and recalled seeing someone matching it walk by a few minutes earlier. Officer Cardana located the suspect seated at a table at the Beachbreak Café on 324 State Street and detained him. He was Paul Ethan Demchuk, age 37, a local transient.

An in-field show-up was conducted and the victim positively identified Demchuk as the person whom he found ransacking his car. Demchuk was arrested for burglary and booked at Santa Barbara County Jail. His bail amount is \$20,000.00.

A booking photo is not available at this time.

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